



M.S.R.G. The Medieval Settlement Research Group in 2015-16

Across late 2015 and the first half of 2016, the *Medieval Settlement Research Group* (MSRG) held a Winter Seminar and published the latest issue of its journal (*Medieval Settlement Research* 30) which included three research articles and five notes, plus book reviews.

The Winter Seminar was held at the University of Nottingham in December 2015. Organised by our committee member Dr Paul Cavill, the seminar talks formed the theme '*Place-names and medieval settlement*', consisting of five papers ranging across the medieval period. Several posters were also displayed.

The Spring seminar took place at the University of Lincoln in late April 2016. Organised by Prof. Carenza Lewis it featured a day and a half of lectures around the theme of '*Recent archaeological research on rural settlements in Eastern England*' alongside field trips around Lincoln and to a local DMV. Over 80 delegates were in attendance. A report on the conference can be found at <https://medieval-settlement.com/spring-2016-conference/>, and a report on the [Nottingham seminar](#) also appears in the same area of our website.

This year's Winter Seminar will take place on 10 December at the University of Leicester. It will feature papers celebrating the 30th anniversary of the formation of the MSRG from the amalgamation of the Medieval Village Research Group and the Moated Sites Research Group in 1986. The seminar will also honour our outgoing treasurer, Dr Robin Glasscock, who has overseen the Group's finances throughout the last 30 years! Full details will be posted on the MSRG's website (<http://medieval-settlement.com>) in due course.

Relevant MA/MSc programme directors are reminded of the 31 December deadline for submission of entries of high quality dissertations (of maximum 20,000 words) for the MSRG's John Hurst MA Dissertation Prize. Eligible dissertations on a medieval rural or landscape theme submitted and passed in the last academic year should be sent to the MSRG Secretary. It is valuable to note that winners are encouraged to submit an extended summary of their work to the Group's journal – this often forming, therefore, the very first publication for these budding young (or sometimes mature!) academics.

All members of MSRG are also eligible to apply for our Research Grants to undertake relevant research up to a value of £500. Deadlines for submission to the MSRG secretary are 1 June and 31 December each year.

MSRG membership healthily stands at c. 475 members. Membership remains a very affordable £12 (and a mere £6 per annum for student membership) and includes the journal, *Medieval Settlement Research* (published in October/November each year). Please see the webpages for the Membership Form (<http://medieval-settlement.com/membership/>). Alongside research grants, students can apply for conference bursaries – see details in the journal or on the webpages.

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